

The United States Capitol

Constituents planning to visit the Capitol building can [reserve a tour](#) through the [Capitol Visitor Center](#)

. The CVC offers tours every 10 minutes, with the first tour starting at 8:50 a.m. and the last tour starting at 3:20 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The CVC's website accepts reservations up to 90 days in advance. I recommend reserving your Capitol tour at least three weeks in advance. During peak tourist seasons (April-June and August), I recommend reserving your tour further in advance if possible. However, there are often some Capitol tours available on short notice. If you arrive in Washington on the spur of the moment, go to the Capitol Visitor Center early when it opens at 8:30 a.m. and ask if they have tours available that day.

The CVC's website will only accept reservations for groups of 10 or fewer. If you will be traveling with a larger group, my staff can help you make a reservation together. Please fill out the [tour request form](#) .

The Supreme Court of the United States

The [Supreme Court](#) does not offer tours, but it offers public lectures on the history and operations of the Court. Public lectures are available in the Courtroom every hour on the half-hour from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on days that the Court is not sitting. Courtroom seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-seated basis. There are no reservations.

The Court also has a variety of educational exhibits and a theater, where a film on the Supreme Court is shown. The exhibits and theatre are located on the ground floor. The building is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays.

Washington Monument

The [Washington Monument](#) is temporarily closed while the National Park Service assesses the damage caused by a 5.8 magnitude earthquake on August 23, 2011.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Free tours of the [Kennedy Center](#) are given by the Friends of the Kennedy Center from 10am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, and 10am to 1pm on Saturday and Sunday. Public tours begin approximately every 10 minutes and walk-ins are welcome.

Group tours (for groups of 20 to 60 people) can be reserved by calling the Visitor's Center at (202) 416-8340 between 10am and 9pm daily. Group tours are scheduled every half-hour until 4:30pm on weekdays and 12:30 pm on weekends. Group tours, access tours for the disabled, and foreign language tours can be reserved [online](#) . Access tours can also be arranged by email (access@kennedy-center.org This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it), phone (202-416-8727), or TTD (202-416-8728). General information: (202) 467-4600.

The Library of Congress

The Library of Congress is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Saturday. All Library of Congress buildings are closed on Sundays and Federal Holidays. Public tours are held in the Jefferson Building at 1st and Independence SE and are offered at the following times: Monday–Friday at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3:30 pm; and Saturday at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 2:30 pm. Reservations are required for groups of 12 or more. Tours can be [reserved](#) from four weeks to four months in advance. For more information, call (202) 707-9779.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

See how U.S. currency is printed. [Tours](#) are available Monday through Friday except federal holidays. During the off-peak season (September through February), tours are offered every 15 minutes from 9 am to 2 pm and no tickets are required. From March through August, tour hours are extended from 9 am to 7 pm and tickets are available the day of the tour on a first-come first-served basis. The ticket booth opens at 8 am; lines form early and tickets go quickly. Each individual can claim up to five tickets. For more information, call (202) 874-2330.

Groups of 10 or more visiting the Bureau of Engraving and Printing should make reservations at all times of year. Reservations are available for large groups on the tours beginning between 11:00 am and 12:15. The maximum group size is 50. [Group reservations](#) are available from 2 weeks to 12 months in advance. To request a tour, submit the BEP's [tour request form](#) by mail, email, or fax.

The National Archives

See the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights in new, more accessible encasements, and discover the role that records play in the history of our country. Guided tours are available Monday through Friday at 9:45 am. Self guided tours are available whenever the Archives are open. For either kind of tour, you can wait in line at the entrance but [reservations](#) are recommended, particularly during peak tourist seasons (spring, summer and holidays). Visitors can reserve up to 15 spots for a guided tour or up to 100 spots for a self-guided tour. There is a \$1.50 per person fee for reserved tours. The Archives are open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hours: March 15 through Labor Day, 10am to 7pm; after Labor Day through March 14, 10am to 5:30pm. Phone: 1-877-444-6777. TDD: 1-877-833-6777.

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Pentagon

See the Flag Corridor and the Hall of Heroes. Tours are conducted Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm. Tours can be arranged through the [Pentagon's website](#) . Tours must be reserved at least 2 weeks in advance and more advance notice is recommended, particularly during the spring and summer months. Phone: (703) 695-3325.

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Marine Corps Evening Parade and Sunset Parade

Every Friday evening at 8:45 from May through August, the [Marine Barracks Washington](#) presents the Evening Parade. A one hour and fifteen minute performance of music and precision marching, the Evening Parade has become a symbol of the professionalism, discipline, and esprit de corps of the United States Marines. The Parade features “The President's Own” United States Marine Band, “The Commandant's Own” The United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Marine Corps Color Guard, the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, Ceremonial Marchers, and LCpl. Chesty XIII, the official mascot of Marine Barracks Washington. Once the annual schedule is announced, free [reservations](#) can be made through the website. The Barracks is located at 8th and I Streets SE.

The Marine Corps also presents a weekly Sunset Parade on Tuesday evenings from June through mid-August at the Marine Corps (Iwo Jima) Memorial in Arlington. The Sunset Parade is similar to the Evening Parade. It begins at 7:00 pm and lasts one hour. The Sunset Parade is open to the public at no charge. No reservations are available. Spacious lawns provide ample room for guests to bring lawn chairs and blankets for informal viewing. No other type of seating is available, except for invited guests of the Parade Reviewing Officials.

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